

Greetings --

I have come across this issue by way of a friend of mine, and what I read on this issue shocks and terrifies me. Since I have graduated from college, a little over 10 years ago, I have seen the slow, steady and almost inevitable decline in programming selection, quality and freedom in Chicago. It is most unfortunate and personally frustrating that I, as a member of the listening public, can do very little about such a situation. The rules are bent, the deals are made, the conglomerates get greater control, and the public suffers for it.

Now I can do a little something about it. I add my voice to the growing number of people who don't want the conglomerates to be given any more right to ownership (read control of what we see, hear, think, feel, etc.) than they already have. They have done enough damage, thank you. Please do not allow such legislation to go through. Think also about that fact that if you let this issue take the course that the conglomerates want it to take, you as members of the citizenry will have your choices limited as well. In the long run, you will not benefit from this at all. You have a right and a responsibility to the American people to see that further conglomerate control of the media in America does not come to pass. Please take whatever steps are necessary to prevent this horrific catastrophe from occurring.

Thank you,

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